

April 1, 2026

Honourable Josie Osborne
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Dear Minister Osborne,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to seek your support for a critical resolution adopted by our association at the 2025 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Prince Rupert, British Columbia (BC). This resolution is essential to enhancing the capabilities and resilience of our municipalities and regional districts:

Regional Secure Psychiatric Care Facility

WHEREAS the provincial government has stated an interest in establishing, throughout the province, beds under the Mental Health Act at highly secure regional facilities, where people will receive long-term care and housing that is secure, safe and dignified, and as the City of Prince George recognizes its role as a regional service hub for these types of facilities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has stated it is working on legislation, supported by expert consultation, that would support involuntary admittance to these specialized, compassionate care facilities with a coordinated plan for both treatment and post care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM advocate to the provincial government for the construction of a standalone secure psychiatric care facility, to serve the region, in Prince George.

We are committed to working with your ministry to identify solutions that will provide the support our local governments need. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you (either virtually or in person) to discuss this resolution in more detail and explore potential collaboration and next steps. Please contact admin@nclga.ca for any scheduling. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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